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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION  
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

<b>Implementation of Restructuring</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 98-REN-EXI</b>
<b>Legislation (Public Utilities Code )</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 98-REN-EME</b>
<b>Sections 381, 383.5 and 445</b>	)	<b>Notice of Availability</b>
<b><u>[AB 1890, SB 90]: Renewables</u></b>	)	<b>RE: <i>Existing Renewable Resource Account Guidelines, and Emerging Renewable Resources Account Guidelines</i></b>

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
GUIDEBOOK FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM  
Volume 1 – *Existing Renewable Resources Account*  
Volume 3 – *Emerging Renewable Resources Account*  
SEPTEMBER 2002**

As part of its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on September 25, 2002, the California Energy Commission adopted changes to the *Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program, Volume 1 - Existing Renewable Resources Account, Fifth Edition, and Volume 3 – Emerging Renewable Resources Account, Eighth Edition*. The adopted changes are summarized below.

1. Re-allocate \$13 million from the Existing Renewable Resources Account to the Emerging Renewable Resources Account, \$3 million of which will be distributed for systems 10 to 30kW in size. The remaining \$10 million will be distributed under the Emerging Renewable Buydown (Buydown) Program for systems 10kW and smaller in size.
2. Implement the Solar Schools Program (pursuant to Interagency Agreement No. R500-02-006 between the Energy Commission and the California Power Authority). The Solar Schools Program provides \$1.25 million from the Attorney General's Alternative Energy Retrofit Account (AGAERA) to the Buydown Program. The Solar Schools Program will fund up to 90% of the net cost of photovoltaic electricity generating systems for eligible K-12 public schools. Qualifying school districts are limited to 20kW or equivalent (i.e., \$153,000).
3. Allow systems that receive incentives from a local publicly owned electric utility to receive incentives from that utility and the Buydown Program totaling up to \$4.50 per watt.
4. Clarify eligible costs for labor and equipment and clarify requirements for lease arrangements.
5. Simplify application paperwork for multiple homes in a new residential development where the aggregate level of installed capacity is 30kW or greater.
6. Make a number of non-substantive changes to clarify the reservation process and make minor revisions to application forms.

Pursuant to the *Overall Guidelines for the Renewable Energy Program*, the Energy Commission may make substantive changes to its Renewable Energy Program guidelines upon recommendation by the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee (Committee). Changes take effect once the Energy Commission adopts them at a publicly-noticed meeting.

**How to Obtain a Copy of the *Guidebook***

The revised guidelines are available from the Energy Commission's website at <[www.energy.ca.gov/renewables](http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables)>. To save unnecessary reproduction and mailing costs, the Energy Commission is not mass mailing the revised guidelines. If you would like a copy of the revised guidelines, please contact the Energy Commission's Renewable Call Center at (800) 555-7794 or the Publications Unit at (916) 654-5200 and request one of the following publications: the *Existing Renewable Resources Account Guidebook* (P500-01-014V1); or the *Emerging Renewable Resources Account Guidebook* (P500-01-008V3).

You may also submit a written request to:

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**Other Inquiries**

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Dated:

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